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Mr. Edwin Regal

Resumes his connection with the Normal School, at Hopedale, at the opening of the winter term, December 5th, 1865. Address W. Irwin Regal, Principal.

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Who may have use for a pure article of North Carolina tar will find it at Fleming's drug store, No. 81 Market street. To those who wish to purchase by the barrel, Fleming offers special inducements in low rates. Remember the place.

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The Boot and Shoe Store of South & Ross, 64 Market street, is becoming an especial favorite with our citizens. This arises from the fact that they can find at this house any thing and everything they want in that line, at prices which are far below those of any other house in the city. The house is centrally located and easy of access, being on Market street, No. 64, the third door from the corner of Fourth street.

A Word in Season.

Our most eminent physicians tell us that almost every case of cholera can be cured if attended to in season. Therefore every family should at once procure and keep on hand some safe and reliable remedy to be instantly used in cases of diarrhœa, dysentery and cramp in stomach or bowels, those great precursors of cholera. The success that has invariably attended the use of Henderson's Carminative, so extensively used during the summer months for the above complaints, entitle it to the consideration of every prudent person. Ask for Henderson's Carminative. Prepared by J. Henderson & Bros., 286 Liberty street, Soldby druggists generally.

Balmoral Skirts,

For ladies and Misses', at greatly reduced prices, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

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At 25 cents, all the best makes of Prints, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

Delaines.

At 30 cents, the newest and prettiest Delaines of the season, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

Shirting Muslin.

At 20 cents, extra quality undressed Shirting Muslin, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

Oakland Park.

A trial of speed for a premium of $100 comes off this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at Oakland Park. The following horses are entered: Gr. g. "General Thomas," b. m. "Josephine," and b. h. "Joe." To go in harness three in five. This will probably be the last trial of the season, and as there will be other trials over this track, it shall be on the square, and without doubt it will be closely contested, barring accidents. Turn out, one and all, lovers of that noble animal—the horse. Sharps will positively be excluded.

Two Cases Piles Cured by Dr.

Strickland's Pile Remedy.—Mr. Glass, of Janesville, Wisconsin, writes for all to know that he was sadly afflicted with the Piles, that he has been troubled for eight years with an aggravated case of Piles, and his brother was discharged from the army as incurable, (he being quite paralyzed with the Piles,) that two bottles of Strickland's Pile Remedy were cured with one bottle of Dr. Strickland's Pile Remedy. The recommendation of these gentlemen, besides the daily testimonials received by Dr. Strickland, are of a convincing character, showing that the most aggravated chronic cases of Piles are cured by Dr. Strickland's Pile Remedy. It is sold by Druggists everywhere. R. E. Sellers, agent, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Freedmen will Labor,

And in consequence cotton goods are steadily declining. Gote Bates and Bells, No. 21 Fifth street, and price their stock, (which is daily receiving new accessions,) purchased by one of the partners from first hands, in the Eastern cities, and be satisfied. We will assure you, fellow consumers that now, NOW, NOW is the time to buy. The stock embraces everything in the line of sheetings, shirtings, ticking and domestic goods generally. We again repeat that now is the appointed time to buy dry goods, especially white goods, at Bates & Bells, No. 21 Fifth street.

A New Trial Granted,

Not to murderer Frieke but to the handsome stock of American Watches of the different grades, English and Swiss patent levers, cylinder escapements, Clocks, and a large stock of Jewelry in general, all of which is offered at reasonable cash prices at J. J. Strouse's, 91 Smithfield street.

Pianos.

Wm. Knabe's & Co.'s great unrivaled Piano Fortes These instruments are superior to any other in regard to tone, touch, workmanship and durability. Knabe's square Pianos have their new improved grand scale and the agraffe treble. Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street, has just received a splendid new assortment.

Prince's Organs and Melodeons

Are far superior in quality, power, sweetness, variety and evenness of tone, to any other instruments. Testimonials which can be found only in instruments of this make. For sale only by Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

Returned.

Dr. C. Sill has returned from the East, and will be found at his post, 146 Penn street, when due attention will be given to any who may have suffered in consequence of his absence. He is using the same Nitrous Oxide Gas which he is giving with such great success for extracting teeth without pain.

Pianos.

A large assortment of Knabe & Co.'s, Haines Bros., Grupe & Kindt's and James W. Vose's Piano Fortes. Also, a very fine assortment of Prince & Co.'s world renowned Organs and Melodeons, at Blume's music store.

Pianos.

Knabe's celebrated Piano Fortes are unsurpassed. Sold on reasonable terms, by Charlotte Blume, 43 Fifth street.

Linen, &c.

Linen, Table Damasses, Cloths, Napkins, Doylies, Towels, Pillow and Sheeting Linen, Table and Piano Covers. Full assortment of these at Barker & Co.'s 59 Market street.

Great Sale of Silks,

At Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street. Remember it.

Country Merchants

Are invited to examine our stock and compare prices, whether for the purpose of purchasing or not.

Shaker Flannels.

At 55 cents, fine wide Shaker Flannels, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

Ginghams.

At 25 cents, check and plaid Ginghams, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

Twilled Flannels.

At 37½ cents, good Twilled Flannels, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

STATE ITEMS.

The building formerly known as St. Mark's Episcopal Church, corner of Thirty-sixth and Sycamore street, Philadelphia, recently purchased by Israelite House of Worship, has been dedicated as a Roman Catholic temple, to be known as St. Agatha.

The estimated expenses of the city government of Philadelphia for the year 1866 amount to $3,648,677 18. The total amount of real and personal estate for next year is assessed at $162,347,000, an increase over the assessment of 1865 of $8,716,915.

The Vigilant Steam Fire Engine Company of Philadelphia contemplate visiting Chicago in the coming Spring. It is expected that one hundred members and invited guests will participate in the excursion.

There are five cotton and nine woolen mills in the village of Chester, giving employment to nearly one thousand men, women and children. The principal cotton factories are owned by General Robert Patterson and operated by Mr. James Stephens. These two mills turn out from eight to nine thousand yards of cotton fabrics per day. The woolen mills are principally owned by the Garside family, Samuel Eccles, Jr., Lilley & Farwell, and Hall & Longbotham. The mills of the two first firms alone turn out about twelve thousand yards of Kentucky jeans per week.

The process of curing meat by infiltration, attempted in the past season in Philadelphia, has proved a failure. The infiltered pork became rancid in ten days. The hams were smoked, and at first appeared to be excellent, they being juicy and very tender. They also became rancid and unfit for food within the same period of time. It was claimed that the new process was found upon science, and the subject was introduced to the public of France years since, but it was also a failure.

The iron business at Marietta, Lancaster county, has been very much depressed for some time. The furnaces in that vicinity, with one exception, which have been undergoing repairs for some time, have all been re-started and are in brisk operation. The property of Mrs. Annie Hubley, in this borough, was sold on Saturday evening last for $2,525.

The Commissioners of Snyder county met in their office on Tuesday of last week, the time fixed for opening proposals for the erection of new county buildings at Selinsgrove. The subscription to the loan were deemed inadequate to proceed to build, in consequence of which the letting was postponed, and the receiving of proposals for a loan continued until the 1st inst.

Messrs. Adams & Levis, brokers, of Chestnut street, Philadelphia, have been prosecuted by Charles B. Dungan, charged with appropriating the proceeds of $9,000 worth of 5-20 bonds, delivered to them for sale recently. The defendants admit selling the bonds, but claim that the proceeds were used in business transactions between Mr. Dungan and themselves. The case has been prosecuted by the above defendants for the alleged embezzlement of the bonds, alleging that they belonged to a Mr. James Smith.

It is stated that the Navy Department has determined to erect a large hospital adjoining the Naval Asylum in Philadelphia, Rear Admiral Joseph Smith, chief of the Bureau of Docks and Yards, is now in that city attending to the project.

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EPISCOPAL CONVENTION TO-DAY.

The Episcopal Convention to choose a Bishop for the new Diocese, will meet in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock this morning. Bishop STEVENS will preside. The Laity and Clergy will meet together, but the Ayes and Nays will be called separately, and the vote taken by orders on all important questions. In selecting the Bishop the Clergy nominate to the Laity. If they confirm the nomination, there will be an election; otherwise, a new nomination becomes necessary.

We understand that Rev. Dr. PAGE has been selected to deliver the valedictory.

LEASE OF THE CATAWISSA RAILROAD.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Catawissa Railroad, in Philadelphia, on Monday, a motion to confirm the contract and lease entered into between the officers of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway and the Catawissa Railroad, was unanimously adopted. The Great Western road is to take possession of the Catawissa road on the 1st of December next, for a period of nine hundred and ninety-nine years. The lessees agree to pay to the Catawissa company $365,000 per annum, in monthly instalments. This is equal to eight per cent. upon the capital of the company after maintaining its organization. This action is of great interest to Western Pennsylvania, and we indulge the hope that in the railway movements now in progress the great advantages of Pittsburgh as a railway centre will not be overlooked by those projecting important connections.

DEATH OF HON. PRESTON KING.

The startling intelligence of the death of Hon. PRESTON KING, Collector of the Port of New York, by leaping into the Hudson river, opposite New York, from a Hoboken ferryboat, while laboring under an aberration of the mind, on Monday morning last, produced a profound sensation throughout the community, on receipt of the news last night. Mr. KING was born in the State of New York, and settled in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence county, then a comparative wilderness. He studied law under an able and distinguished member of the legal profession, and was soon admitted to the bar. He was successful from the outset, for he was diligent, methodical, learned and eloquent. He was moreover sensitively alive to the public questions of the day, and soon after reaching his majority, entered the political arena, espousing the Democratic cause. His peculiar and eminent fitness for public service soon became apparent to the party, and for several successive terms he represented his district in the House of Representatives, having previously, however, served with distinction in the State Legislature. In Congress, Mr. KING ranked among the ablest of its working members, and on many occasions distinguished himself in forensic debate. Subsequently, the tendency of the Democratic party compelled him, for principle's sake, to abandon it, and he entered into the spirit of the great battle for freedom, giving to the Republican party, in which he rightly recognized the true Democracy of the country, a most cordial and vigorous support. He was nominated for Secretary of State, for which office he suffered defeat, but he was afterward elected to the United States Senate, and served until the close of his term in 1863, when he was succeeded by Governor MORGAN. Mr. KING was an active supporter of Mr. LINCOLN'S administration, and the warm personal friend of President JOHNSON, upon whose accession to the Chief Magistracy, Mr. KING became Collector of the Port of New York, succeeding Hon. SIMEON DRAPER. Mr. KING had been in office about three months.

CHICAGO WAREHOUSING DIFFICULTIES.

The Chicago Board of Trade are engaged in settling a vexed question between the grain shippers and warehousemen in that city. It appears that for several years past the winter rate of storage has been fixed at four cents per bushel per month for November, April, a period of six months, but the warehousemen decided, at a meeting recently called for the purpose, that on all grain remaining in their warehouses after the 1st instant, they would demand one cent per bushel for every five days storage, or thirty cents for the half year. This discrimination between November receipts and those of a prior date aroused public sentiment, and a perfect storm has followed the avowal of the warehousemen to carry out their design. The Chicago *Times* says:

"The pretext upon which they based this rate of storage was that the grain in the warehouses was in bad condition, and should be shipped immediately, as it would become worthless if allowed to remain until spring. The matter did not end here, however, for much of the grain, during the past few days, buyers have discriminated against old and fresh receipts. The bidder of a receipt for 5,000 bushels, dated Oct. 31, could obtain for it, on Thursday, but $1 40 per bushel, because it was subject to thirty cents storage for the winter; while the holder of receipts dated Nov. 3, only one day after, could obtain for it $1 47 per bushel, because it would be subject to a fifteen cents storage, it remaining in the warehouses all winter. The holders of these receipts could not ship east with profit in the present condition of the eastern market and the rate of freights, and disliked to submit to this discount, owing to the date of receipts, amounting to a celebrating of the rebellion, as did as sixteen cents on some other grades. Then came the report that the warehousemen were backing up the receipts and refusing to issue them after cancelling them, issuing others dated after Nov. 1. The matter was first discussed privately among members, finally they threw it more open in their expressions, and deep mutterings were heard and seen on the floor, and the streets wherever grain men congregated.

A committee of conference between the shippers and warehousemen was appointed, and as it is highly important, reported at once, as receipts dated prior to November 1st, in order to make them regular, would require to have one per cent. more storage taken off them than was otherwise necessary. The report states that the warehousemen are willing to extend the time to the 1st of December. After that date, one cent per bushel to be charged for every five days, computing back to the 15th of November—to-day. The report was received and the proposition of the warehousemen was rejected. The committee has been granted further time to consider the matter, and will probably report what changes are required in the inspection of grain, and indicate the course that the Board of Trade shall pursue in the matter. Although no conclusion has been reached, there seems to be no doubt that the increased rate of storage will not be assessed, and it is strongly hinted that the inspection of grain will be repealed altogether.

THE Staunton *Spectator*, in the following, gives an account of a family wedding coat that has proved a very reliable article:

Many years since, an old German citizen of Pendleton county, when about to lend his fair "frow" to the lynchenerd altar, purchased a broadcloth coat, in which he was married. He very prescribed him with many children, among whom were *eight* sons, all of whom were married in this coat, the same coat in the same order they married their mother. The *youngest* of the eight sons had *seven* sons, all of whom were married in this same wedding coat, and the youngest son of the seven, or the youngest grandson of the original owner of the coat had let his intended bride to be married in it. Generally grandfather's *fashionable* wedding coat, he sold it for the sum of $10. What has become of the coat now it was sold we have not been advised, but suppose that some one is keeping it for the purpose of getting married in it.

FROM ITALY TO EGYPT.—There is at this time a large emigration in progress from the Southern provinces of the Italian kingdom to Egypt, consisting chiefly of skilled laborers, artisans and mechanics. The reason assigned for it is the usual reason assigned in all times for all popular migrations—the desire and expectation to better their conditions. The natural aspects of Old Egypt are actually at this moment better than those of Young Italy. The Italians of to-day, writes a correspondent from Italy, "are beset with innumerable difficulties. They have a hostile clergy, a discontented peasantry, an ill-fed population, groaning under heavy taxation, seaports without trade, and capital without movement; brigandage in the south, begging in the north, a ruined exchequer, and a not very reputable court."

James McCarthy, an idiot, while sitting upon the track of the Lake Shore Railroad, near Dunkirk, a day or two since, his head bent upon his knees and fast asleep, was struck by a passenger train and thrown a distance of forty feet. He was immediately picked up to the scene of the disaster, when, imagine the surprise of the passengers at discovering the simpleton standing near the track apparently unharmed, the only signs of injury manifested by him being exhibited in a vigorous friction of his hands.

Judge Triggs on Monday, at Nashville, refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of the notorious Dick McCann.

FIRST EDITION.

12 O'CLOCK, M.

WASHINGTON.

Cabinet Meeting Yesterday.

FREEDMEN AMONG THE INDIANS.

Results of Gen. Howard's Tour.

Discharge of Military Detectives.

The Farragut Court Martial.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

What Gen. Longstreet is After.

Case of Charles J. Faulkner.

Harper's Ferry Armory to be Rebuilt.

Death of Hon. Preston King.

GOVERNOR HAHN TO SPEAK ON EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, November 14.

Cabinet Meeting.

The regular semi-weekly Cabinet meeting was held to-day, every member being present. The session was a protracted one.

Freedmen Among the Indians.

Major General Sanborn, of the Western armies, has been appointed by the President the agent to harmonize the relations between the freedmen made free in the Choctaw and Cherokee nations by the recent treaty with those Indians.

Visitors at the White House.

Governor Andrew, of Massachusetts, and Governor Parsons, of Alabama, were visitors to the Executive Mansion to-day, both having had the privilege of interviews with the President.

Gen. Howard's Southern Tour.

Intelligence from the Southern States represents that Gen. Howard's tour of inspection, under orders from the President, has thus far been of the greatest beneficial results. He has corrected many errors that worked disadvantageously to the harmonious operation of the Freedmen's Bureau, and his visits to Atlanta, Macon and other points, though brief, are spoken of as having been exceedingly valuable.

Military Detectives Discharged.

All of the military detectives in this department were discharged to-day. These men all belonged to the Veteran Reserve Corps, which is soon to be mustered out, and as the necessity for this force has almost entirely ceased, it is very likely that another will not be organized.

The Farragut Court Martial

Is yet engaged with the trial of Commodore Craven, but upon its conclusion the court will doubtless be dissolved, as there are no other cases at present to bring before it.

Internal Revenue Receipts.

The receipts to-day at the Internal Revenue Bureau will amount to seven hundred thousand dollars.

General Longstreet

Says he is here for the purpose of obtaining a pardon, and not to get his parole extended. The President informed him that as he has other officers who belonged to the old army and who fought with the Rebellion, he would consider these cases at the proper time, after he had disposed only three or four who were educated at West Point. They were not in the army when the rebellion broke out.

Case of Chas. J. Faulkner.

Chas. J. Faulkner, Ex-Minister to France, is here looking after his case. He holds a letter dated 1862 from Lincoln, granting a pardon. He was afterwards indicted by the United States District Court at Norfolk, with several others, for treason, but no action has since been had in those cases, neither has his pardon been sanctioned by President Johnson.

Armory to be Rebuilt.

The Ordnance Department have determined to rebuild the National Armory at Harper's Ferry. There are quite a number of employees already at work. To what extent the War Department contemplates resuscitating this establishment will be set forth in the Secretary's report.

Death of Preston King.

The unfortunate death of Preston King has created a profound sensation here, where he had many friends, and Mr. Johnson, who knew him intimately, was shocked when he heard the intelligence. The Treasury Department have been aware for some time that Mr. King has been deeply depressed on account of the trouble growing out of the duties of his office. A successor will not be appointed for several days.

Benjamin Allen, alias Harris, the confidence man, was delivered to the Ohio authorities to-day, in obedience to a requisition from Governor Anderson.

Appointments.

S. B. Davis, Leavenworth, Kansas; Horace Babcock, Wyoming, Wisconsin, and Stephen B. Olney, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, were this morning appointed examining surgeons for the Pension Bureau.

Gen. Hahn on Equal Suffrage.

Governor Hahn, of Louisiana, is about to make a speech in favor of equal suffrage.

Gen. Logan Appointed Minister to Mexico—Col. Browning to be Secretary of Legation—The State Convention of Texas.

WASHINGTON, November 14.—The President to-day appointed Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois, Minister, and Wm. A. Browning, Esq., of Tennessee, Secretary of Legation to the Republic of Mexico. Gen. Logan is known as a strong personal friend of the Liberal leaders in that country. Col. Browning has been the private Secretary of President Johnson, and is now associated by Col. Robert J. Johnson, son of the President, in that office.

The Intelligencer of the death of Preston King has created much regret here. Governor Hamilton, of Texas, writes to the President that he expects to call a State Convention in December.

DEATH OF HON. PRESTON KING.

He Jumps From a Ferry Boat and is Drowned.

NEW YORK, November 14.—The rumor that Mr. King, for a week past, has been laboring under an attack of nervous debility. Yesterday he left his house, and the last time nothing more time nothing has been heard of him. This morning Moses F. Odell, Naval officer, telegraphed President Johnson to ascertain if Mr. King was in Washington. He received the reply that he was not there. Telegrams have been sent in various directions, but no tidings whereabouts have been obtained.

LATER.—Preston King found overboard from the Hoboken ferryboat while in a state of temporary aberration of mind, and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

LATER.—Thurlow Weed states that Mr. King was seen to jump off the ferryboat yesterday morning by a little boy and girl on the deck. They picked up his hat, which has been handed to Mr. Weed, and recognized by him. There is no hope of the body being saved.

A little boy and girl saw a gentleman answering to the description of Mr. Preston King jump overboard from the ferryboat at Hoboken on Monday morning. They have been sent for, and from them further particulars may be obtained. The fact that Mr. King's hat was recognized by Thurlow Weed to be Mr. King's, Mr. King said to a very intimate friend on Sunday night, that he would not be seen again. Knowing that Mr. King had been for some time laboring under depression of spirits, he took but little notice of the matter. His health had been poor for some time, and lately he had been much troubled by loathing of the brain. He had only returned to the city last Saturday from a visit to his home in St. Lawrence County, where his mother resides, dressed himself, and said to a relative who slept in the same room with him, that he wished to take a walk, and proceeded going alone. At about eight o'clock he went up town, returning from Christopher street, ferry, opposite Hoboken, and walked aboard. Four of Mr. King's friends visited the boat to-day, and found that a gentleman answering the description of Mr. King had left the boat yesterday going at nine o'clock. He is said to have remained on the stern of the boat, and when the boat was near in the stream, he was seen by two children, the only passengers on that end of the boat, to take off his hat and leap overboard. The alarm was given and the boat stopped, but the body was not seen by any one on board. As the tide was receding at the time, probably the body was washed out to sea. The men employed on the ferry boat are positive that the description set on board the boat. Mr. King has been much perplexed ever since his appointment, over affairs at the Boston House, which weighed heavily on his mind, and undoubtedly culminated in his death. Those most with him in the days preceding the fatal act, declare that he had been attended by a companion, who occupied a room with him at the Astor House, and watched his movements. Mr. King was a bachelor.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, November 14.—The Legislature yesterday passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee to memorialize President Johnson for the release of all persons who are confined for offenses committed during the rebellion, on the ground that rebel soldiers, whose crimes were infinitely greater, have been pardoned.

Newspaper Change.

BOSTON, November 14.—It is announced that W. W. Clapp, Jr., has sold the *Saturday Evening Gazette* to Messrs. Whittemore, Brewster and Goodwell, of the *Evening Traveller*.

The great cotton case—the Government of the United States, vs. Willenberg & Doyle, Gryl & Yvernis and G. A. Lamore & Co., that was tried before the United States District Court at Springfield, Illinois, last summer, has been decided in favor of the defendants. The libel for forfeiture of the cotton were in question.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Is Pittsburgh a Healthy City?

IMPORTANT MEETING AT BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS.

The City Councils Alone Unrepresented.

Nuisances to the Right of Us—Nuisances to the Left of Us—Nuisances Everywhere.

Hardscrabble---Hogs---Horrid!!

What is to be Done, and How.

According to previous notice, a meeting of the Committee of the Board of Trade, the Board of Health, the Councils of the two cities, and the Allegheny County Medical Association met at Board of Trade Rooms, on Wood street, last evening, and was organized by calling George H. Thurston, Esq., to the chair, and appointing Joseph Albree, Esq., secretary.

The following gentlemen represented the various committees:

Board of Trade—Messrs. Frew, Fleming, Murphy, Rowley and Albree.

Board of Health—Messrs. Fortune, McCook, McCune and Fitzsimmons.

Allegheny County Medical Society—Drs. Jones and Culler, Pittsburgh; Drs. Trevorand Mowry, Allegheny.

Allegheny Councils—Messrs. English and Torrence.

Major Wm. Frew, Chairman of the Committee from the Board of Trade, stated the object of the meeting to be to consider the sanitary state of the city, on the part of all the competent authorities, viz.: the Board of Trade, Board of Health, Councils of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Allegheny County Medical Society, and the Mayors of the cities, to improve our sanitary condition. Recent investigations develope the alarming fact that the mortality of our city is almost equal to that of New York. In view of the irresistible westward march of the Asiatic cholera, which may make its appearance amongst us this fall, and should

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BEWARE OF THE NUISANCES.

The season is at hand when a considerable portion of the community are locating themselves for the ensuing year. Houses are so scarce that there is but little opportunity for making choice of neighborhood or anything else. Nevertheless there is one thing in which should not be lost sight of,—it ought, in fact, to control all persons of,—it ought, in fact, to control all persons in selecting their future residences. We mean the sanitary condition not only of the immediate, but even the more remote, surroundings. A bone boiling establishment, a hog yard, a slaughter-house, a crowded court, and similar nuisances send forth their poisons for a long distance, and carry disease and death into quarters and habitations which otherwise would be healthy and desirable. Since it is a law, dreadful as it is inexorable, that the cholera follows the predisposing causes, these things should not be forgotten. It would be criminal to locate a family within the range of a pestilence breeding nuisance. The idea that because hitherto pestilence has not been the consequence, it will not be, will prove to be a fatal delusion. Experience shows that the cholera rides on the wings of winds wafted from these vile places, and that no human being within their range can be exempt from this deadly influence. It is, therefore, an imperious duty which it would be criminal to neglect or disregard, that all predisposing influences should be avoided. The present pressure for dwellings should not silence the voice of wisdom. It will be a dear penalty which they will pay, who for present convenience or interest locate in filthy neighborhoods, or within the influence of any description of nuisance, however remote. If owners of property will not recognize the laws of health, their houses should stand empty. Better they should than the hot months. There are parts of the city over which winds are wafted so foul that the health, not to mention the comfort, of every inhabitant is continually assailed, and the wonder is that some sort of pestilence has not before been the consequence.

There has been made a map of New York City, for the public benefit, showing the localities where predisposing causes exist. We suggest that some such means of imparting information in regard to Pittsburgh would be of great service—though, as for that, there need not be much doubt, without any map.

In conclusion, we renew the advice to persons seeking residences for the ensuing year, to beware as they would of death itself of the nuisances and the influences, far and near, which are predisposing causes of the cholera. Go out of town—go anywhere but into such quarters.

INTERESTING TO CHAMPAGNE DRINKERS.

There has arisen an important question between the United States custom authorities and the wine manufacturers of Rheims, France, relative to a charge by the former that the latter, for several years past, have been knowingly and intentionally defrauding the United States Government by an undervaluation of their merchandise in the invoices which accompany it. The settlement of the question rests upon the meaning given to the words in the manufacturers' oath to his invoice, "market value." The manufacturers say that strictly and literally speaking there is at Rheims no such thing as "market value" for manufactured champagne wine, simply because there is no market. They say that no champagne wine is sold in Rheims except in retail trade, the wholesale trade being supplied in foreign countries only by the agents of the manufacturers. A correspondent of the New York *Herald* satisfied himself, by inquiry of all the principal wine manufacturers, that it would be impossible for a stranger in Rheims to purchase a dozen baskets of "Widow Clicquot," "Charles Heidsick," or any other well-known brand of champagne, and that it is by no means unusual for citizens of Rheims to send to Paris and even to Brussels for a basket or two of champagne. In arriving at the market value of wine which has been purchased for shipment, the shipper takes the cost of the raw wine or unadulterated juice of the grape, adds thereto the cost of changing it into manufactured wine, and the cost of transporting it to Havre or some other port of shipment. This, they allege, is the only true way to arrive at a market value, and upon which only custom duties should be computed. The correspondent before alluded to gives the secret of champagne manufacture, which is interesting. He says:

"There are doubtless many people who drink champagne who are of the opinion that with all its sparkling and all its pale wine is the natural juice of the grape after fermentation; some who think perhaps that it grows, bottles, corks, brands and all, on these sunny hillsides and by these green and smiling river banks. I have already stated how the grapes or their juice are purchased by the manufacturers from the different vine growers. This is put in casks and allowed to ferment, and its taste after this fermentation is flat and disagreeable. About Christmas the mixtures of the different kinds of wine are made, and these remain in casks until the following spring, when the wine is bottled. A second fermentation is produced in the bottles, the result of which is to cause a fresh deposit of sediment in the bottles, which consists principally of tartaric acid and tartrate of lime. This fermentation in the bottles is very destructive, causing from five to fifteen per cent of the bottles to explode, which results in large complete loss of the wine, the bottom of the bottle usually flowing out. The per cent of good wine is given as the average of loss by this, and if it is much beneath this figure the manufacturers are rather displeased than otherwise, as it is an evidence that the fermentation is not sufficiently energetic. After the wine, which in this bottle fermentation becomes clouded, begins to deposit its sediment, these bottles are removed from the horizontal position in which they had been lying in the racks, and are placed with the necks downward, upon shelves, with holes cut in them obliquely. Every day, and frequently twice a day, a man, whose special business it is to attend to this, seizes each bottle by the bottom, gives it a little shake, with the object of detaching the sediment from the side and making it deposit in the neck and then returns the bottle in a more nearly upright position. This is done during two or three months, until finally, all the sediment having been brought down upon and near the cork, the bottle is ready for the process of "disgorging. This is a process which requires a vast amount of skill on the part of the operator. He cuts the string which holds the cork, which flies out by the pressure of the gas, the sediment and that portion of the wine containing it following it—the skill of the workman being shown in his permitting only the foul wine to escape and preserving all the good. The bottle is filled up with fresh wine and recorked and again stowed away in the rack. Sometimes a second disgorgement is necessary, but the process previous to preparing it for market, which is usually the third year after its vintage, is the adding of a wine glass of sugar to each of the purest wine and the finest sugar to each bottle, which gives it the sweetness required for the particular market to which it is sent, as well as adds its sparkling condition when open-ed. After this it is corked again, labelled, and is then ready for market."

Regarding the actual cost of manufactured champagne, the wine merchants say that the raw wine costs on an average, according to quality, from twenty-four to forty-one cents per bottle. The cost of manufacture, including bottle, cork and necessary admixture, is from eight to twelve cents per bottle. The merchants are satisfied with a profit of ten cents per bottle on champagne, which added to the price of the raw wine, the cost of preparing it for and sending it to market, makes up the figures at which they do now and always have invoiced their wines, ranging from fifty cents for ordinary to eighty-five cents for the highest priced brand sent to the United States. These wines sell at the hotels in the principal cities of the United States at five and six dollars per bottle, from which fact it would seem that the agents in New York and elsewhere make handsome profits. The manufacturers of Rheims mark their wines for the European markets at a higher figure than in their American invoices, for the reason that their sales throughout Europe are made through traveling agents, to whom fixed salaries and commissions are paid, while their wines are simply consigned here for sale. It is not stated how the consignee here is to be paid for his trouble, but the inference is that he is to get all he can for the wines, and, through previous understanding, divide the amount received over and above the entire cost, and reasonable profit, with the conscientious manufacturer at Rheims. From the attention now being paid to the cultivation of the grape in this country, it will not be many years until our native wines will supersede the use of the foreign article.

COUNTY EXPENSES.

We are not of those who complain of the expense attendant on the administration of public affairs. The business of the county cannot be properly conducted without cost, any more than the business of any private establishment. We are not in a complaining mood. Quite the contrary. We suggest ways of saving money to the county, through pure good will. It is in accordance with the principles of political economy, and with the facts of experience, that three score and ten men, or any other number, cannot be fed without expense to some body. If they have nothing and earn nothing, they must be fed at the expense of somebody besides themselves. If any one doubt this proposition, he can have his doubts removed by looking, any day, through the grates of the jail door. He will see a number, a large number of persons living, not, it is true, in the best style nor in the best society, but living under shelter, in a warm atmosphere and on good and sufficient diet, at the expense of Allegheny county, without doing a stroke of work.

To many of these, confinement is no punishment. To some it is a better mode of living than they have been used to any where else. We refer to vagrants and others who have run laziness and loaferism out to its ultimate issue. This condition of the jail has continued for years. The county tax payers have borne the burden with a patience that is more wonderful than praiseworthy. This class of consumers, which the good people support in idleness, will never grow less, till a different regimen is applied to them. Labor is their aversion and dread. If they had to work in their imprisonment, they would not go to prison. They would work and support themselves at liberty, and perhaps become industrious men. The State penitentiary presents an example of the saving of expense, at least, by the requirement of labor from all the inmates. The introduction of a like requirement in the jail discipline, as far as practicable, would save the county a large bill of charges which it now has to pay for feeding those who do not work.

PUTTING DOWN THE BRAKES.

President JOHNSON, it is said, (and we trust truly,) has determined that no more pardons shall be granted to leading rebels, civil or military. This, coupled with the further declaration which the President is said to have made, that those States which have failed to come up to the line laid down for them, will remain unreconstructed till they do, is quite gratifying. It was a part of the President's plan to draw back when going ahead should be found to be impracticable—so that this drawing back involves no failure of the policy. The policy of the Administration was but experimental—a systematic reconnoissance for information—which has resulted in defining perfectly the situation. Certain Southern States, managed, as of old, by the leaders, have elected to remain on the outside. They might just as well have come in. The terms were not unreasonable. Good faith, chiefly, was the requirement. The President believed that this they would observe. Some have done it; others have not. As the moods are various, so must be the rule. This, we conclude, is now settled, as is also the fact that President JOHNSON is going to proceed no farther than true fidelity to the principles of Unionism and Freedom will permit. If the trial has been an experiment, its results are valuable. Henceforth the way is clear.

CHILI.

The republic of Chili is not, commercially, of much interest to the United States. During the early period of the settlement of California by our people, their supply of breadstuffs was drawn, to a large amount, from that country, for which goods were taken in return; but of late the value of the exports to the United States has been diminished, and the payment for them has been required chiefly in money. The total amount of the trade averages about three million dollars a year.

Neither is Chili of any great importance politically, to the United States. It is not a small country, a narrow strip stretched like a heth on the west border of the South American continent, as far in south latitude as we are in north. It has a population amounting numerically to little more than half that of Pennsylvania. Its foreign trade is only about twenty million dollars a year, one half of which is copper and copper ore, nearly a quarter silver and silver ore, and the principal part of the balance, wheat, flour, hides, gold, wool, and lumber, ranging in values according to the order in which we have written them. But still, through a long-standing sympathy, the political condition of that country, like the other Spanish American republics, has been regarded by the people of the United States with a friendly interest.

The late movements of the Spanish Admiral, acting, no doubt, under orders from his Government, have not passed unnoticed by our people. The internal contests among those unhappy and unsettled States, though occasion of regrets, have not borne the character that these European filibustering movements bear. In conjunction with the Franco-Mexican invasion and revolution, the Spanish aggression on Chili has a significance, or, at least, a suspicion about it, that it may be well to keep an eye on.

The appointment of General KILPATRICK as Minister resident in that country is opportune. We hope it will be productive of good results. If the blockade of the Chilian ports and coast is persisted in, on the conditions proposed by the Spanish Minister, all trade with the country must be suspended. The pecuniary exactions of Spain are such as the Chilian Government could not pay, if it were disposed to do it, which it is not.

PRINCIPLES NOT MEN.

We place this trite, old, and yet respectable expression before our readers for a purpose. It has often been perverted and abused. It has not seldom been the conspicuous motto of speeches and journals that were devoted to the narrowest kind of partisan and personal interest. Nevertheless it bears a sound meaning and a valuable one. And it is recognized in political contests, though not as extensively or constantly as it should be. But it has been very influential and decisive in the elections of this year throughout the North. And to invite attention to this fact is the purpose of the present article.

The sound judgment and discrimination of the Republican or Union voters, in the late elections, have never been exceeded. Perhaps, the temptations to leave the consideration of their principles for the sake of men were never greater. The snare was deliberately and cunningly laid for them. The opposition came professedly upon the ground covered by loyal Union principles. Distinguished military men were named as candidates on the opposition side—men whom they had not ceased to admire and applaud in their military career. These were, in many cases, placed in competition with civilians on the Union ticket. But still, true to principles, the great mass of the people voted the Union ticket, whether it was a soldier or a civilian that represented the principles, and none the less though it was an honored soldier that was defeated by the operation. Such an illustration of a discriminating judgment may well make us proud of the Union men of the land, and feel safe while Providence assigns the keeping of our country to such hands.

It is evident that, after all, the South gives up slavery with hopefulness for the future that amounts to little less than a glad good-riddance. When Mr. ORD, in the South Carolina Convention, said he wanted to see that State made over, and even as Massachusetts was, he expressed the hope he had in free labor, and the gladness with which he accepted emancipation. In the same spirit is the language of the Macon (Ga.,) *Journal*, when it says that "the abolition of slavery has removed one embarrassment to Southern progress which formerly existed—the aversion of white laborers to come in competion with slaves, and the consequent difficulty in procuring immigration of foreign white labor." There is much of this feeling in the South, and we believe that but for certain leaders every question entering into reconstruction would be speedily and satisfactorily adjusted.

IT HAS been represented to us that a person lately appeared in Wheeling, and is now in Pittsburgh, and there as a regular correspondent of the COMMERCIAL. He is an impostor.

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.—One of the radical Democratic journalists has been so much affected by the late political afflictions that have befallen his party, as to write in quite a solemn strain on the morals of the elections. This is encouraging, and especially when he quotes, as the gist of his advice to fellow partisans, the sentiment of SYDNEY SMITH, "Do what you think is right, and take place and power as an accident." We like this appeal to conscience. But to make it complete and satisfying it should have a sentiment of VICTOR HUGO, we think, that "the obligation to enlighten conscience precedes the obligation to follow it." Light and conscience will do the party no harm.

POSTPONED.—The New York *Times* significantly says: "Our Democratic friends will see that in both the Carolinas the President's policy fails thus far to secure the assent required,—and those States cannot, and will not, be 'reconstructed' until that assent is given. This must necessarily postpone the time when they can resume their old position in the Union, if the President's policy is to be sustained."

EXTINCT SPECIES.—The copperhead is believed to be extinct. It has been found in fossil state in New Jersey.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Illinois cotton crop is the largest ever raised in that State, and is rarely excelled in what is known as the cotton States. The product per acre this year will range from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds seed cotton. It is estimated that Jackson county alone will produce 10,000 bales, while Perry, Williamson, Saline and Union counties will more than double this amount. The fall weather has been peculiarly favorable for maturing and opening the bolls. There will be no killing frost yet, and all the late bolls are maturing and will be as good as the early ones, thus making the yield extraordinary.

Miss Bateman has sent her autograph to the London *Autographic Mirror*, attached to this legend: "Gains may be temporary and uncertain—expense is constant and certain!" This is scarcely been the experience of the lady herself.

The Consistory of the Third Reformed Dutch Church, have just placed in their church a monument to the memory of their first pastor, the Rev. George W. Bethune, Philadelphia, who was chosen in the autumn of the year 1827, and continued in the elevated office, respected and beloved by his congregation, for about three years. The monument is the gift of his excellent and devoted widow, who, whilst abroad in Venice, engaged an eminent Italian artist, Salfrati, who has been employed in England on a monument to Prince Albert, to prepare a monumental tablet in Mosaic, with a suitable inscription. It is a beautiful specimen of art, and will add to the architectural attractions of a church already admired for the beauty and appropriateness of its internal improvements.

The town of Lincoln, Mass., was electrified on Saturday with that lively sport, an English steeple chase, the first ever known to have taken place in any of the Eastern States. The grounds selected for the contest were over a good hunting country, having a circuit of a mile and a half, which was to be repeated, making a run of three miles. In a mile and a half there were to be fourteen jumps taken, over stone walls and a four feet fence. There was a turnpike road in the way and a four feet sudden descent. Hon. Leverett Saltonstall was the judge, with a number of prominent gentlemen as stewards, &c.

Certain leading physicians in Paris announced that one of the best preventives of cholera was rum mixed with tea. Great hilarity resulted, and three houses alone in Paris sold no less than three hundred puncheons of rum in a week.

A number of the Tennessee Legislature, when offering a bill the other day, to pay his colleagues and himself in gold, stated that "everything is now changing daily, liable, or fourble, which it brought a few years ago."

The most striking military feature of the last few days is the large reduction of the medical staff of the army. The corps of medical inspectors created under the act of April 30, 1862, has been honorably mustered out of the service, and the following gentlemen, appointed from civil life, have been peremptorily detached from the service: George H. Lyman, Geo. A. Allen, Lewis Humphreys, Peter Pineo, Aug. C. Hamlin, N. S. Townsend, George W. Stiff, John Wilson, John J. Le Conte, Alfred D. Kilbee, John M. Cuyler, Richard H. Coolidge, Chas. K. Gardner, Edward P. Vollum and John E. Summers. The above mustered-out surgeons of volunteers, returned to their original rank in the regular army, as full surgeons. Col. Robert C. Wood, Assistant Surgeon General, and Col. Madison Mills, Inspector General, will resume their original rank and duties in the Medical Department of the army.

A new line of steamers is to be established to run from Philadelphia to Charleston, Savannah, Mobile and New Orleans, and a company of business men are already engaged in perfecting the object in view.

Rear Admiral Joseph Smith, U. S. N., Chief of the Department of Yards and Docks, announces the determination of the Government to build a great hospital adjoining the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia. The plan is coeval with the construction of the Asylum, and will probably be carried out in accordance with the original ideas, which will possibly be by constructing wings from the main edifice.

A convention of delegates from the literary and debating societies throughout the State is proposed to be held Pittsburgh, commencing the 4th of December. It is intended to form a central organization for the various debating associations for their mutual benefit, and a full representation from the various societies is desired. Each association is entitled to three delegates. The literary societies of our State for the improvement of young men, are among its warmest friends, and the object of the convention is intended to promote their interests.

Information has been given to the public authorities that a well-dressed and rather pretty-featured woman is in Philadelphia for the purpose of child-stealing. It is said that ten years since she practised this outrageous crime in England.

A bold attempt was made on Sunday night to burn the Chicago armory by several prisoners confined there, who set fire to the cell in which they were secured. The probable object of this attempt was the hope that in the flurry and confusion attendant upon the discovery of the fire some of the prisoners might escape. Though the plan was an excellent one, it signally failed. The officer of the door, espying the fire, had an avenue of escape was opened, and the culprits found that the result of their scheme was that they were seemed in a safer place in an iron cell, where their further attempts at arson will be futile.

It has been ascertained that during the entire war the navy has lost only fourteen hundred and six men in killed, and sixteen hundred and thirty-eight in wounded out of the seventy-five thousand sailors and marines who have been on the rolls. This is inclusive of all losses in the grand battles on the Mississippi, at Charleston, Mobile, and Fort Fisher, and elsewhere. In a word, the splendid fighting of Farragut and Porter have been achieved with less loss of life than that which has been suffered in a single battle by a single division of troops. This is due in part to the fact that the enormous range of our navy guns has in the main kept the rebels out of musket range. It is worthy of note that the whole expense of the navy since the beginning of the war, including the construction and equipment of all its vessels and their maintenance, has been less than $20,000,000, or only a little more than a half per cent. of the national debt. We have constructed, since the war, one hundred and ten vessels of war, all of which are of the most improved models and contain all the appliances of modern offensive and defensive warfare.

Michigan's apple trade this year has been immense. Four hundred and ten thousand barrels have already been freighted to Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky. The Detroit *Free Press* says: "The trade this year has been compressed into the space of six weeks, and the avenues of freight have been almost blocked up with immense quantities coming forward for shipment, while warehouses have been filled to overflowing, and temporary sheds have been erected for storing the fruit until it could be removed to its destination."

St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church, in New York, was dedicated on Sunday last by Archbishop McCloskey, assisted by Bishop of Charleston, S. C., and several prominent clergymen. The sermon was preached by Bishop Lynch, and is spoken of as being highly eloquent.

The boilers of the Algonquin are stated by Mr. Dickerson to have 2,500 feet of heating surface. How much the Winooski has we have not been able to ascertain precisely; but those of the Mackinaw, one of the same class and lot of vessels, have 5,606 feet in the water, and 171 feet of superheating surface in the steam chimneys, making in all 5,207 feet—more than double that of the Algonquin. And probably the Winooski's boilers have more than this surface, for they have 3,300 tubes, whereas the Mackinaw's have but 2,700. Now in her experiments the superior of the San Jacinto—the same type of boiler as the Winooski's—when the combustion per foot of heating surface was equalled, the vaporization per pound of fuel fell from 9,725 to 6,507 pounds. This shows that the Winooski's boilers, with the same fuel, should have made 3,500 more steam than the Algonquin's, if they were equal in quality.

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The rumor of an expedition being fitted out in New York for Juarez, and consequent difficulties with the French Government, are entirely baseless. They first appeared in New York through the agency of the *Herald* Press, and are supposed to have originated with some gentleman who was somewhat nervous on the subject.

Acting Master William Watson, of the navy, has been honorably discharged from service. He entered the service in August, 1861, joining the Brandywine at New York. He was soon after promoted to the command of the Dragon, and participated with her in the great naval battle in Hampton Roads with the rebel iron-clad Merrimac. He commanded the Union in the fight at Pocotaligo, S. C., and also at the occupation of Jacksonville, Fla. He has latterly been in command of the guard ship J. S. Chalmers at Fortress Monroe.

SUIT AGAINST GEN. WOOL.—It is known that during the administration of Postmaster-General John E. Wool, as commander of the Middle Department, Eighth Army Corps, he caused the arrest and imprisonment of five citizens of Baltimore, in consequence, it is alleged, of a public movement inaugurated by them looking to his censure and removal from command, because of the mismanagement of the affairs of the Department with respect to the treatment of disloyal persons. The parties so arrested were A. D. Evans, Thomas R. Rich, Thomas Sewell, Jr., and Thomas H. Gardner. These gentlemen (subsequently released) instituted suits against General Wool, claiming damages to the amount of $20,000. Since that time the two last named persons have withdrawn from the suit, and it is now prosecuted by Messrs. Evans and Rich. During the past week, General Wool has been in Baltimore in person to try this matter, but the case is not yet ready for trial.

FREE THOUGHTS.—NO. I.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

People generally are governed by some other principle than reason. Prejudice, custom, early training and the like are at the bottom of thousands of things that people do, say or believe; and there is no effort to know *why* such things are thus treated,—no desire to uncover the well of truth, each for himself or herself, and let down the bucket of reason (or common sense, the same thing,) for personal discovery. On the contrary, there appears to be a positive repugnance to investigation, perhaps because of a very self-consciousness of error and a fear lest a clearer light would awaken Duty to plague one with admonitions to reform. It is so much easier to swim with the current. It may well be admitted, too, that there is more than shadow behind this fear.

A person, singly acting, to suddenly face about and march counter to all the false principles that previously dictated life in word and action, would be a singular spectacle indeed. Such an individual would be like Bunyan's Christian going through the city of Vanity Fair. Howlings and hisses, if not weightier missiles, would be cast by the unthinking crowd, until life would become a burden, unless supported by perfect heroism of character. Hence the willingness, even of thoughtful, sensible persons, to follow the common fashion rather than stem its tide; the consolation the ills they are partially convinced of, rather than incur those certain others, more personal, involved in the projection of an unpopular idea.

With this introduction, I propose to present a few plain thoughts upon various subjects, believing that though they may sometimes startle the propriety of many readers, not a few will acknowledge them as coincident with their own reflections.

To make this article sufficiently brief, I will now only offer a remark or two on *dress*.

The considerations involved in a due regard for dress are economy (relative to one's means), comfort and neatness. The last includes adaptation to age and sex, and also admits of great variety of taste; but it does not extend to a license for all the silly notions that induce inventions merely for the sake of change. Changes in styles are consistent enough with the considerations named, but they should never be of a nature to ignore these principles. A sudden and thus announced stride from one extreme to its opposite is inexcusable. No reason is assigned for any such change, nor is one expected,—so palpable is the fact that caprice or startling novelty, and not reason, has dictated it. Arbitrary decrees from a few should not govern all, in dress. In regard to some leading articles of dress, economy is best met by adopting a common mode or pattern; and as to these things, when change is desirable, consultation should be had, by convention or otherwise, in which the principles laid down should be allowed their proper influence as rules by which all propositions should be tested.

Now, as to the *particular forms* of dress appropriate for the human body. I will present my ideas, based on the rules given. The American form of dress for men is, in the main, right. It might, perhaps, be simplified with increased comfort, as well as improved appearance. A loosening of the outside garment around the chest would be an improvement. In most avocations, the absence of the lower half of the coat would be very desirable. The vest might, also, materially. Coat tails can hardly be defended on any score. I should recommend as the most convenient and generally appropriate article of garment in lieu of the present form of coat, a blouse, full around the chest, terminating at the waist, with a band to buttoon. Sleeves full, and also finished with a band, having cuffs to roll over. For walking, at leisure from business, a long coat might be tolerated as a change, though I do not see in it utility or beauty sufficient to justify the addition. A vest, also, might be worn. To merely sit on a yard or so of loose cloth, costing many dollars, seems wholly senseless. The coat and vest, for winter, should, of course, be long, as now worn, but should be of the cloak form, easily put on or off, and more graceful than the overcoat. It is full time that stovepipe hats were abolished by law. Men who will voluntarily adopt such a tall, stiff hat, ought to be allowed any longer the liberty of free choice.

The American form of dress for women, I boldly characterize as almost wholly *wrong*. It is neither comfortable, convenient, economical nor as healthful as it might be. I shall not enter into detail of female dress in detail. That would be presumptuous and unbecoming. Besides it would be, for many reasons, a superfluous task. I will just allow to make, viz: that from all the considerations I have named, a dress for a lady should assimilate more in outside form to that worn by men. Sufficient distinction might exist in ornament, without destroying the similarity. I maintain that women in this and other countries, comprising the great part of the world, would adopt a female dress in form of dress, that is unconfortable and unhealthy. Skirts are clumsy and fearfully dangerous. Pants, with the same fuel, should have made 500 more steam than the Algonquin's, if they were equal in quality.

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The Cattle Plague in England.

The London *Times* says: "At length we have got some statistics of the cattle plague, and a terrible story they tell of the war. Eight thousand animals are known to have been attacked by the plague since its first appearance, and of these nearly twelve thousand have died. To be sure more than five thousand of these victims were killed to save curing, but they swell the total loss of stock. As to the recoveries, there are registered just seven hundred and forty, which is not quite one in ten of the whole attacks; but then the proportion can of course, only be measured by the number of cases in which cure was attempted. The metropolitan district appears to have suffered most, as the first outbreak took place in Pimlico City, and the fatal is swelled in this case by the greater complete returns reported from some the more modern counties, and then the cases which, however, according to the classification adopted, included only those horned cattle of Suffolk and then Scotland. These four districts account for upwards of twelve thousand cases out of the whole four thousand, leaving only somewhat thousand casualties for the rest of England and Wales. In fact, there are whole groups of counties absolutely free, and two of cattle have been lost. This is certainly reassuring, but we must observe that the returns from which we derive this favorable view are only selected, included only those forwarded to the authorities, and are not supposed to express the actual extent of the visitation. Enough, however, is known, by diligently searching the distribution of the disorder, but not as measuring its ravages.

Street Railroads.

Street railroads are comparatively new things in this country, and their initiation has been accompanied by a good deal of trickery practiced upon the city authorities as well as the public. They are generally men of capital, and it is difficult to find out their workings. Enough is known, however, to show that they are great money-making machines, so arranged as to make sure of large profits every year for those having interest in them. A franchise is obtained, a company formed, with a capital of $300,000 or $400,000, and then the stock is given to stockholders pay say twenty-five per cent. to lay down the cheap rails which are used, and to stock the road. Double, and in some cases, treble the amount of the remainder of the capital, and sold to the stockholders at par, making them thereby yield an interest equivalent to ten per cent. per annum, payable by a single division of troops. This is due in part to the fact that the enormous range of our navy guns has in the main kept the rebels out of musket range. It is worthy of note that the whole expense of the navy since the beginning of the war, including the construction and equipment of all its vessels and their maintenance, has been less than $20,000,000, or only a little more than a half per cent. of the national debt. We have constructed, since the war, one hundred and ten vessels of war, all of which are of the most improved models and contain all the appliances of modern offensive and defensive warfare.

Obituary.

Antonio Gingliui, the celebrated tenor, died under circumstances which rendered death a real mercy to him, at the lunatic asylum of Pesaro, Italy, on the 12th of October. Gingliui was born in 1826, in the town of Pesaro, France, and at an early age developed a very sweet and flexible voice. His musical education was taken care of by Senor Celini, Maestro di Capella at Pesaro. Gingliui composed the patriotic Italian hymn which he dedicated to King Emanuel. It was sung before the King on the occasion of his visit to Pesaro, and was immediately presented a valuable snuff-box, with his initials in diamonds, to the composer. This hymn was repeated in Turin, a large body of the principal amateurs of the city taking up the chorus. On the Italian stage Gingliui shared the highest place with Mario. He held his position until a few years since, when his powers of memory and next his powers of mind were found to be declining. After enjoying a few intermittent periods of seeming convalescence in Paris, the lenor was conveyed to the lunatic asylum at Pesaro, where he died. He was patient and harmless, and sunk by degrees into idiotic imbecility.

THE CHICAGO TUNNEL.—The Chicago correspondent of the Boston *Advertiser* gives an interesting account of a descent which he lately made into the tunnel which is being made under Lake Michigan, for the purpose of supplying the city of Chicago with good water. The construction is about thirty feet under the lake, and it has attained the length of four thousand one hundred and forty feet. At every thousand feet side chambers have been built, in which the masons work, it being found impossible to use the mortar made above ground. A track extends from the mouth of the tunnel, on which the cars are run out by mules. The bottom of the land shaft is about seventy-five feet below the surface of the lake. The party to which the writer was attached filled two cars, which, as soon as they were soaked, came with them into total darkness, relieved only by a few dim, flickering miner lamps. A shudder might well thrill each heart to think that the great mass of water was over their heads, with only about thirty feet of soil between them; though it was some relief to know that there were five inches of solid brick between each foot of earth. Gas is still occasionally met with, but no serious accidents have happened. Not long since the workmen heard the saddles of a steamer passing overhead, and it caused much fright, but now it is a common occurrence. The tunnel is to extend about two miles out in the lake, and it will probably be completed by another year.

CHOLERA IN PARIS.—In spite of the pains taken to suppress the truth, it leaks out, leaving no doubt that the cholera is raging badly in Paris, and that, too, with favorable weather. The disease shifts about, disappears nearly altogether from certain quarters of the town, and then comes back to where it started from. The doctors seem to know no more about it than before. Dr. Velpeau, than whom there is no higher medical authority in France, declared the other day in the Academy of Medicine, that the cure of the lots is erected a neat two-story building, fronting of laughter, that in nine cases out of ten those who recovered from cholera did so in spite of doctors, nurses, and medicines. Many such anecdies, and that science had made no progress whatever in its study of this mysterious disease. The celebrated Mr. McSquash is melancholy instance among many others that cholera is not to be averted by such things as airy apartments, warm clothing, &c. He would go to Newport, in a very high position; a Chancellor of State, a commander of the Legion of Honor, an expert; a man who was thanked by the Pope for his highest office, and who at the moment of his death was second only to the great Baron Haussmann in the government of the city of Paris.

CONFLICT IN MISSISSIPPI.—We learn through a direct channel, says the Nashville *Daily Press*, that a conflict has occurred in Mississippi between Provisional Governor Sharkey and Judge Humphreys, the Governor elect. Humphreys hates the Federal authority so badly that he wants Sharkey to get out immediately and let him assume the office of Governor, while Governor Sharkey, on the other hand, refuses to abdicate until ordered to do so from Washington. The President has instructed Governor Sharkey to hold on to his office until it is ascertained whether Congress will admit the Mississippi delegation, and recognize her as a State in the Union. It is understood that the President is justly indignant at the ill-concealed disloyalty of the quondam rebels in that State, and may possibly give them a rebuke.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.

Edwin Forrest commenced a series of twenty-four performances Monday evening at Niblo's Garden, New York, appearing every other night as "Arrah-na-Pogue" will be performed on the off nights.

John Brougham's engagement at Winter Garden, New York, closes on Saturday night, and has been a very successful one, crowded houses greeting him nightly.

Jas. W. Wallack is shortly to be added to the large and excellent company at Wallack's theatre, New York. Lester Wallack being in bad health and not able to do much personally.

Owing to the continued success of Mr. Chanfrau's new comedy of "Sam," John E. Divans will not appear at the Broadway theatre until after the holidays.

J. E. McDonough and Sophie Gimber Kuhn with "Arrah-na-Pogue," are at Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean performed to crowded audiences last week at Young Men's Hall, Detroit, being supported by the Athenæum Company of that city.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers is still at the Holliday street theatre, Baltimore, where she continues to attract large audiences. During last week, Miss Noemie Marguertes, daughter of the popular authoress, Madame Julie Marguertes, made her debut at the Holliday, being introduced by Mrs. Bowers.

Miss Laura Keene and Harry Hawk are performing the "American Cousin" at Nashville.

Effie Henderson is performing a good engagement at the New Theatre, Nashville.

Mme. Celeste, who will soon appear at the Pittsburgh theatre, is the star at McVicker's theatre, Chicago.

Miss Susan Denin inaugurated the new theatre at Corry, Pa., and played a successful engagement. She performs in Milwaukee on Monday evening next.

Maggie Mitchell is at Glenn's Opera House, Norfolk, this week.

Miss Lucille Western is still at the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia; Mr. Peter and Miss Caroline Richings are at the Walnut, and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams at the Arch—all doing well.

Madame Scheller commenced an engagement at the Dayton, O., Theatre Monday night.

Mr. Edwin Adams is performing the second week of his engagement at the Metropolitan Theatre, Buffalo.

The Washington Theatre, under the management of Ferno & Maginly, closed last week, for want of patronage.

Lawrence Barrett has just concluded a very succesful engagement of three weeks at Dellar's Opera House, St. Louis, and is now performing in Detroit.

Mrs. Emma Waller is performing at the Academy of Music, Milwaukee.

Four or five theatres are to be erected in New York within the coming year. Mr. Grover is to build one; a French theatre is to be another, and a *recherche* little opera house; Barnum promises a magnificent museum, and a German theatre is also talked of.

Mr. J. A. J. Neafie, the tragedian, is performing in Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. and Miss Conldock are performing at Leavenworth, Kansas, theatre.

The Philadelphia *Press* gives a brief history of the Walnut street theatre, which was first opened to the public in 1809. In the month of November, 1820, Edwin Forest made his first appearance as a regular actor at this house, which he took a benefit, and concluded his acting by throwing a summersault through a balloon. The theatre had some twenty or thirty lessees, none of whom were successful save E. A. Marshall and Mrs. Garretson. During the reign of Messrs. J. S. Clarke and Edwin Booth.

Mr. Leonard Grover will commence a series of fifteen nights of German opera in St. Louis soon. Several new and famous artistes have been added to the Grover troupe since its appearance in Pittsburgh. A new orchestra, pick ed from the best establishments abroad, and an entire chorus, known as the "Weisbaden Chorus," has been brought across the Atlantic for this special season. Among the new artistes engaged are, we understand, Madame Katharine Hillard, from Her Majesty's Opera House, Pest House; and the very celebrated baritone, Marco Tusenitz, of the Royal Opera, Berlin. The list of tenor favorites has not been filled entirely, for we find in the announcement made the names of Hallmen, Frederici, Himmer, Hoffmann, Stindel, and other most popular singers. The orchestra will be directed by Mr. Lorenz Hohlderger, who has been for the last fifteen years opera director expressly to conduct this promising musical season.

Mlle Parepa, the celebrated prima donna, with the Bateman Troupe of artistes, commenced a series of operatic concerts at Mozart Hall, Cincinnati, on the 6th. The Troupe will visit Pittsburgh in a few weeks.

Grau's Italian Opera Troupe have met with great success in Chicago, and is pronounced one of the most talented troupes ever organized in this country.

Miss Matzenek's season at the Academy of Music, New York, has thus far been successful beyond anticipation, notwithstanding the warfare of part of the press.

Wehli, the pianist, is now in New York, preparing for a concertizing tour.

THE SUPPORT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.—The English people are annually taxed to the extent of upwards of £400,000 sterling, for the direct support of the royal family. The following are the particulars of the expenses connected with the royal establishment: The allowance apportioned to the

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THE KNIGHT'S LEAP AT ALTENAHR.

"So the foeman has fired the gate, men of mine,
And the water is spent and done;
Then bring me a cup of the red wine—
I shall never drink but this one."

"And fetch me my harness and saddle my horse,
And lead him me round to the door;
For I'll leap from the top of the highest perforce
As horse never took before.

"I have lived by the saddle for years a score,
And if I must die on tree,
Then better by far that I lose borne me of yore
Is the properest timber for me.

"I have lived my life, I have fought my fight,
I have drank my share of wine;
From field to field unto battle was never a knight
Lived a merrier life than mine.

"So now to show bishop and burgher, and priest
How the Altenahr hawk can die,
I'll clear yonder gulf at one bound from its nest,
He must take to his wings and fly."

He harnessed himself by the clear moonshine,
And he mounted himself by the door,
And he rode such a pitch as his red sire ah! wine
As man never took before.

He spurred the old horse, and held him tight,
And he leapt him out over the wall,
O'er the cliff, cot-deep in the night,
Three hundred feet of hall.

They found him next morning alone in the glen,
And never a bone in him whole;
But found in his pulse more mercy than men
On such a bold rider's soul.

Witty and Pretty Women of Walpole's Time.

We take from an English magazine the following account, from Horace Walpole's letters, of some of the court beauties and celebrities of whom he gossips:

QUEEN CAROLINE.

Her beauty, which had been great at the time of her marriage, had fallen a victim to the fatal ravages of the terrible distemper, which was then so little understood and so unscientifically treated that it is a matter for wonder that any survived to bear upon their countenances for life the distinguishing sign and seal with which "small-pox" marked the victims who had escaped its clutches alive.

The beaming eyes of the queen, indeed, were as expressive as ever, and could kindle with inherent, majestic sympathy, or turn with indignation and affronted majesty from under the royal brow. Another great beauty which the queen could boast was the marvellous symmetry of her "small, plump, and graceful hands," a charm by no means to be despised, and one far less common than that of a pretty face or a bright, rosy complexion. Her personal attributes, indeed, were so far from being those that the king himself, though a tyrannical and unfaithful husband, frequently declared in public that he had never yet seen a woman whose charms equalled those of the queen: and when he described his own idea of beauty, he always literally described that of his own wife. Upon more than one occasion, indeed, he subjected the "good Howard" herself to exquisite mortification on the queen's account, running into the room as that lady was manipulating the royal head, (a menial occupation to which the wife had the power of submitting the mistress,) in the manner of the handkerchief which concealed the fair and beautifully modelled throat of the former, saying ungrily to Mrs. Howard as he did so, "Because you have an ugly neck yourself, you hide the queen's."

But majesty also has its moments of self-imposed humiliation, and at such times we hear of the queen herself rising meekly and offering to curtsey, when the king and his prime minister Sir Robert Walpole, for whom she had a great personal regard, consulted upon the business of the state—"and very shrewdly," says Horace Walpole, "she and my father had previously settled between them." She was fond of buying out and improving her garden at Richmond; and she managed (being a clever woman) to hoodwink the king into believing that the expenses of these improvements were defrayed out of her privy purse, while she was, in fact, supplied with the necessary funds by the aid and connivance of the first minister of state.

She understood perfectly the art of managing a course and tyrannical husband, by an assumed appearance of the most profound submission and respect. She died, indeed, a martyr to this principle of implicit and unquestionable obedience to the arbitrary rule of her exacting spouse; for, rather than oppose any wish or command of his, she underwent hours of fierce torture, and kept secret within her own breast the progress of the malady which was soon to terminate in death.

When suffering from the gout in her leg, she did not hesitate to plunge the limb so affected into cold water, that she might be enabled to attend the king in his morning walk.

A HIGH TEMPERED DUCHESS.

"Old Marlborough," she was in Horace Walpole's time. "One of her principal charms," he tells us, "was her fine, fair hair.

These fair, showering golden locks were themselves doomed to be sacrificed to the passionate temper of their mistress; for "one day at her toilette, in anger to her husband, she cut off all these commanding tresses, and flung them at his face." This curious outburst of conjugal fondness was practiced in later years by a celebrated beauty, whose husband, like the great duke, took a pride in his wife's hair. She cut it off in anger, on purpose to vex him, and was stung to the heart, at his death, to find the fading relics of that beauty, which with woman is power, carefully cherished in his most private and sacred depository.

The temper of this celebrated duchess was that of an unmitigated vixen—passionate, violent and malicious. She feared her superiors, and trampled her inferiors; and her children under her feet. With her eldest daughter, who succeeded her, by act of Parliament, as Duchess of Marlborough, she was at open war. With her youngest, the Duchess of Montague, she agreed no better.

"I wonder," said the Duke, her husband, with less knowledge of human nature than the art of war, "that you two cannot agree; you are so much alike."

Lady Bateman, daughter of the Duchess, persuaded her brother to marry a handsome young lady, who unluckily was the daughter of Lord Trevor, who had been a bitter enemy of his grandfather, the victorious duke. The grandson's rage exceeded all bounds. Having a portrait of Lady Bateman, she blackened her face, and wrote on it: "Now her outside is as black as her inside."

This is the last we hear of her from her graphic pen, excepting a few lines announcing her death, which took place soon after, "and Marlborough is dying—but who can tell?" Last year she had lain ill for a great while without speaking; her physician said: "She must be blistered, or she will die. She called out: "I won't be blistered, and I won't die."

FEMALE VANITY.

Next in the succession of courtly celebrities comes Catharine, Duchess Dowager of Buckingham, who was a natural daughter of James II. She was remarkable principally for her overweening pride and for her affectation of regal privileges and prestige. Of her Horace Walpole relates: "The Duchess of Buckingham, who is more mad with pride than any mercer's wife in Bedlam, came last night to the opera, *en princesse* literally in robes, velvet and ermine. She was she who made the famous reply to Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, upon the latter's refusal to lend the funeral car which had conveyed the great duke to the grave. "Tell her," replied Catharine of Buckingham, transported with rage, "that my upholsterer tells me that I can have a better one for twenty pounds." Of her own death-bed, Mr. Walpole gives this curious account:

"Princess Buckingham is dead or dying; she has sent for Mr. Anstis, and settled the ceremonial of her burial. On Saturday she was so ill that she feared dying before all the pomp; she said, 'Why don't they send the canopy for me to see?' Let them send it, though the tassels are not finished.' But yesterday was the greatest stroke of all; she made her ladies vow to her that if she should lie senseless, they would not sit down in the room before she was dead."

A POOR FINE LADY.

From this proud woman we turn to one who occupied a position in the court about the queen's person, but who was also publicly recognized as the favorite mistress of the king.

Henrietta Hobart was the daughter of Sir Henry and the sister of Sir John Hobart, Knight of the Bath, afterwards by her interest made baronet, and also created Earl of Buckinghamshire. She married early Mr. Howard, a brother of the Earl of Suffolk, and prepared with him to face the bitter brunt of poverty in a position of life which was far superior to the circumstances which must support it. They were before them but one chance of promotion, and that was in attaching themselves to the Court of Hanover, where the future sovereign of England awaited the demise of the reigning queen, (Anne.)

As a way of eking out the "ways and means" of their *menage*—as great a bugbear to fashionable young married couple then as now—we find an amusing anecdote of her cutting off her beautiful tresses (commanding a high price from the peruke-makers in those days) and flowing flaxen wigs to furnish forth a handsome set for her husband's guests. Wigs were sold at that time for twenty and thirty guineas apiece; and as each of these fell into the hands of the wealthy, we might suppose it to have been in every sense of the word worth its weight in gold. On the accession of his father to the throne of England, the electoral prince (afterwards George II) caused Mrs. Howard to be appointed woman of the bed-chamber to the young Princess of Wales.

To these apartments came frequently the electoral prince, not attracted at that time by the mild beauties of their fair inmates, but by the lovely, lively, laughing Mary Bellenden, described by every one of her contemporaries as the most perfect creature they ever saw.

The fat, phlegmatic heart of her royal adorer beat strange music within the princely breast when the sound of her footsteps fell upon his ear.

One of his amusements consisted in counting and recounting his money, a proceeding which greatly irritated the nervous system of the saucy Bellenden. "She" (Harriet) "put to him one day," "I cannot bear it; if you count your money any more I will go out of the room." The effect of this gold was as disagreeable to her as his unwelcome presence, and the heart of the giddy Bellenden was safe from the spells of either. That was already in the proud possession of Colonel Campbell, one of the grooms of the bedchamber, who afterwards succeeded to the title of Argill at the decease of the last Archibald.

Mrs. Howard succeeded her friend in the post of favorite; and she had neither the wish nor the spirit to repel the attentions of her royal admirer, as Mrs. Bellenden had done before her. Horace Walpole tells us that she performed the "solid advantages" to the ostentatious *eclat* of her position.

THE WILD DUCHESS OF QUEENSBERRY.

Catherine Hyde was a daughter of the Earl of Clarendon, and afterwards became the wife of Charles Douglas, Duke of Queensberry. She was celebrated for her beauty, and for the daring with which she defied the court party, by grounding subscriptions to the second part of the "Beggars' Opera," when it had been prohibited from being acted. For this offense she was forbidden the court. Gay, Swift and Pope have immortalized her in letters and verse; the latter in the poem entitled "The Female Phaeton," which, as a description of a lady young lady of those days, is worthy of an insertion here:

"This Kitty, beautiful and young,
And wild as colt untamed,
Bespoke the fair from whom she sprung
With little rage inflamed;

"Inflamed with rage at sad restraint,
Which virtue gives mankind,
And sorely vexed to play the saint,
Whilst wit and beauty reigned.

"Must Lady Jenny frisk about,
And dash with her coquettish air?
At balls must she make all the rout,
And bring home hearts by dozens?

"What has she better, pray, than I,
Which hidden charms can boast,
That all mankind for her should die,
Whilst I am scarce admired?

"Dearest mamma, for once let me,
Unchained, my fortune try;
I'll have my fuel as well as she,
Or know the reason why."

"I'll seize with Jenny's pride quit score,
Make all her lovers fall;
They'll grieve I was not loosed before;
Else, I'm as loosed at all.

"Fondness prevailed, mamma gave way;
Alas, at heart a dastre,
Coach-and-six in a day,
And set the world on fire."

Walpole describes a quarrel between her and the Duke of Richmond, in which the latter, Lady Caroline, had recently eloped. "There is a very good quarrel on foot, between two families of the first quality, between Lady Emily Lennox to a ball; her Grace of Richmond, who is wonderfully cautious since Lady Caroline's elopement, says she shall not go, and determines. The other sent again the same night, the same answer. The Queensberry family sent word that Lady Emily should go to the party, and desired to be excused from having Lady Emily's, but at the bottom of the card wrote, 'We go for a heat.' You know how mad she is and how capable of such a stroke."

The next we hear of her is regaining a footing at court, a point to which she had for many and two years unsuccessfully, and which she achieved on the occasion of her son's being obliged to the king for a regiment in the Dutch service. She would not let him go to kiss hands until they sent for her too. Then, again, we find her at Richmond, at a three-week fete amongst the "whole court of St. Germain's and all the Pitts upon earth," in a fortune-teller's white apron and hood," which it was her whim to assume on that occasion, making "the duke swallow all her nastiness."

"Father day," Mr. Walpole goes on to inform his correspondent, "she drove post to Lady Sophia Thomas, of Parson's Green, and told her that she was come to tell her something of importance." "What is it?" "Why, take a couple of good sides of bacon together as the right perforce to a dumpling, and eat them with pepper and salt; it's the best thing you ever tasted; I could not help coming to tell you this," and away she drove back to town. "Don't a current of folly for forty years," he adds, with some justice, "make one very sick?"

LADY MARY WORTLEY MONTAGUE.

"Did I tell you," he says, "that Lady Mary Wortley is here? She laughs at my Lady Walpole, scolds my Lady Pomfret, and is laughed at by the whole town. Her dress, her avarice and her impudence must amaze any one that never heard her name. She wears a foul mob, that does not cover her grizzled locks, that hang loose, never combed or curled; an old mazarine blue wrapper, that gapes over her old stained canvas petticoat. Her face swelled violently on one side, and partly covered with white paint which, for cheapness, she has bought 50 years, that you would not use it to wash a chimney." Not a tempting picture of the *bas bleu* of the period.

MADAME DU DEFFAND'S DOG.

Walpole amusingly relates, on the occasion of this visit, the *denotes* he had to *raccomode*, and the memoires to present against Touton, Madame du Deffand's favorite dog: "As I am the only person," he says, "who dare correct him, I have actually locked up the poor dog confined in the Bastille every day after five o'clock. Tother night he flew at Lady Barrymore's face, and I thought would have torn her eye out; but I ought to be biting the hand that feeds me, as she fell into tears. Madame du Deffand, who has too much parts not to see everything in its true light, perceiving that she had not punished Touton half enough, immediately told us a story of a lady, whose dog having bitten a piece out of a gentleman's leg, the lender dame, in a great right, cried out, "Won't it make my dog sick?"

Touton, the spoilt little favorite, was sent to Strawberry, a legacy to Mr. Walpole, whose promise Madame de Duffant had obtained to take care of the dog should it survive its dearly attached mistress. In answer to a letter from the former to the Rev. Mr. Cole, the worthy antiquary replies: "I congratulate the little Parisian dog that he has fallen into the hands of so humane a master. I have a little diminutive dog, Bevy, full as great a favorite, and never out of my lap; I have already, in case of any accident, insured it a refuge from starvation and illness. It is the best-natured animal for a poet, and, lifeless, shiftless, pampered animals that have amused us, and we have spoilt." Touton fully justified the worthy character formerly given of his behavior upon his arrival at the Gothic villa of his new master.

"I have already killing my beautiful little cat," he writes, "upon which, however, we shall not be quite agree. He then flew at one of my dogs, who fled. Upon more than one occasion, in which he was severely beaten for it. I immediately rang for Margaret to dress his foot; but in the midst of my tribulation, could not keep my countenance, for she cried, 'Poor little thing, he does not understand my language!' I hope she will not recollect, too, that he is a Papist."

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Hon. Schuyler Colfax's Description of His Trip Across the Continent.

Lafayette Hall was crowded last night to its utmost capacity with a most intelligent audience, assembled to hear Hon. Schuyler Colfax, late Speaker of the House of Representatives, describe his late journey to the Pacific by the overland route. On the stage with the lecturer were Hon. Thos. Williams, M. C., Hon. Henry W. Williams, Judge District Court, Hon. Jno. M. Kirkpatrick, and other gentlemen of citizen and military distinction. Gen. Williams introduced the distinguished lecturer by stating that he was the quickest lecturer by stating that he was the quickest lecturer by stating that he was the Speaker of the last House of Representatives, and the prospective Speaker of the next, which latter fact was a better endorsement of the man than he could give.

Mr. Colfax, who was cordially received by the audience, spoke in substance as follows: He said the lecture he should deliver is not a history of a long journey, of which those present try of a long journey, of which those present had probably heard. It would treat more of geography than of didatics. The Republic of the United States spans the North American continent from the bay of Fundy to the Pacific. Its territory and its national influence could best be compared with that of the empire of Russia. Both Russia and America were the great emancipators of the age. When our country was struggling with rebellion, and other nations looked coldly on, the sympathy of Russia was openly expressed for us, and, though we were hindered by the mode of government, yet, when the first disspatch passes over the Russo-American telegraph, we should not forget her sympathy for us. He said he had always had a strong desire to visit foreign lands, but he felt it would be better to travel in his own land first. When the four years' struggle had ended in peace, he felt the opportunity for this visit had arrived. A route of 500 miles over the mountainous and unsettled country was not like a trip to Portland or New York, but he had social and gentlemanly companions, and in two months but half millions of sleep; but he and they returned with reinvigorated health.

Nearly the entire distance of the journey lay in the level valley of the Platte. These plains are often called the desert plains, but he said he expected soon to see it "blossom as the rose," as more favored soils. The light atmosphere, the beautiful sunrise, the long lines of pilgrims, made the journey delightful. At Julesburg, north Long's peak looked upon them; south, Pike's peak, and in front the Colorado chain presented a grand panorama to the sight. The mountains of Colorado were full of wealth. From Denver he crossed the Laramie plains to the midst of hostile Indians. Soldiers had been killed but a short time after he had talked with them. They passed on to the Rocky Mountains, dividing ridge of the Colorado mountains, eight thousand feet above the sea level. In the edge of the greatest basin he had an opportunity of a snowball frolic in June. Reaching the basin, the most romantic point is a canon, terminating in Weaver valley, only fifty miles from Salt Lake City. As they approached this city, their first view of it was beautiful. The broad streets are one hundred and twenty-eight feet wide, and streams ripple down every thoroughfare. Between Salt Lake and Sacramento were several ranges of steep hills. About four hundred miles from Salt Lake, at Austin, the rocks glitter with silver. Two hundred miles further on is the City of Virginia. Here is a mine where $5,000,000 in silver have been extracted. The slanting shafts and chimneys dot the rim in every direction under the city. The hills are bare of trees, and in all that city there was not a single garden. In Nevada and in Virginia City, North